

FACT SHEET – NEEDS BY MODE

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION



CONNECTIONS TO LRTP GOALS

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Safety & Security for All Users

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Livable & Healthy Communities

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Multimodal Mobility, Reliability & Accessibility

West Virginia's US and Cross-State Bicycle Routes and 5,000 miles of trails provide access to destinations to support tourism and quality of life goals. Signage and pavement markings along designated routes facilitate safe, statewide travel while local/regional investments in sidewalks, protected bicycle lanes, and rail-to-trail projects encourage healthy lifestyles and create multimodal connections.

STAKEHOLDER INPUT

Focus on implementing recommendations provided in the WV Bicycle Connectivity Plan

Complete Streets Advisory Board provides and facilitates communication, education and advice to WVDOT and localities

Majority of projects come from local governments, MPOs, and advocacy groups



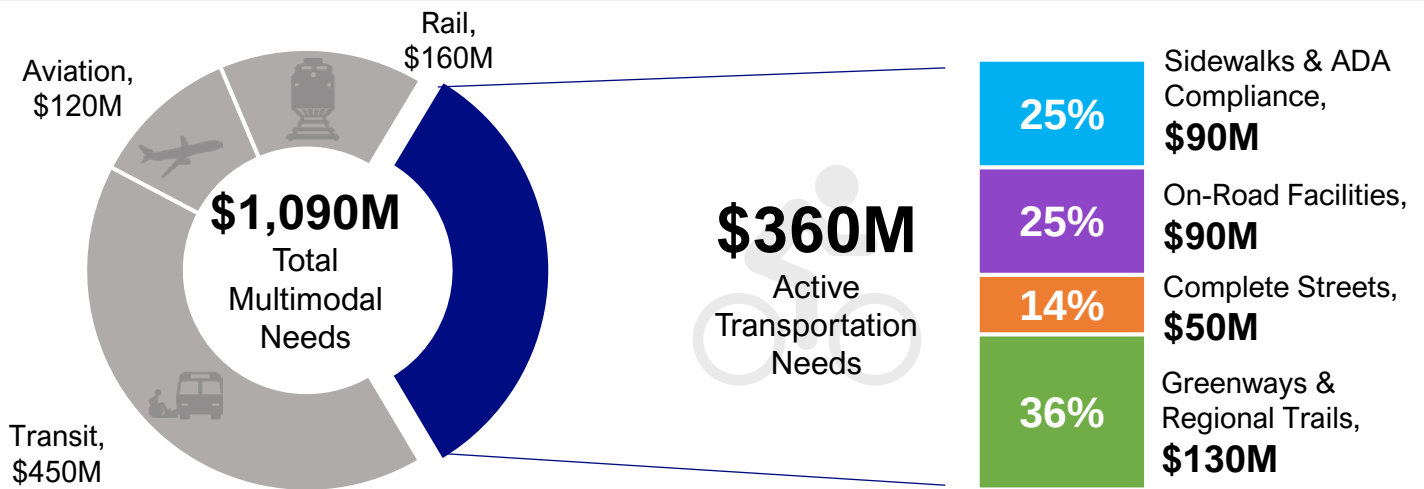
To forecast active transportation needs, projects were gathered from eight WV MPO long-range plans, the WV State Rail Plan, and four bicycle/pedestrian specific transportation plans. Projects were labeled as constrained or aspirational consistent with these various plans. All projects were then inflated/deflated to the year 2020 to display all costs in current-year dollars.

FORECASTING METHOD

Sources considered: Bike/Pedestrian Plans from [HEPMPO](#), Morgantown, [RIC](#), and [Westover-Granville](#); [West Virginia 2020 State Rail Plan](#); Current MPO Long-Range Plans from [BHJ MPC](#), [BOMTS](#), [FRMPO](#), [HEPMPO](#), [KYOVA](#), [MMMPO](#), [RIC](#), and [WWW IPC](#); [WV 2020 STIP](#)

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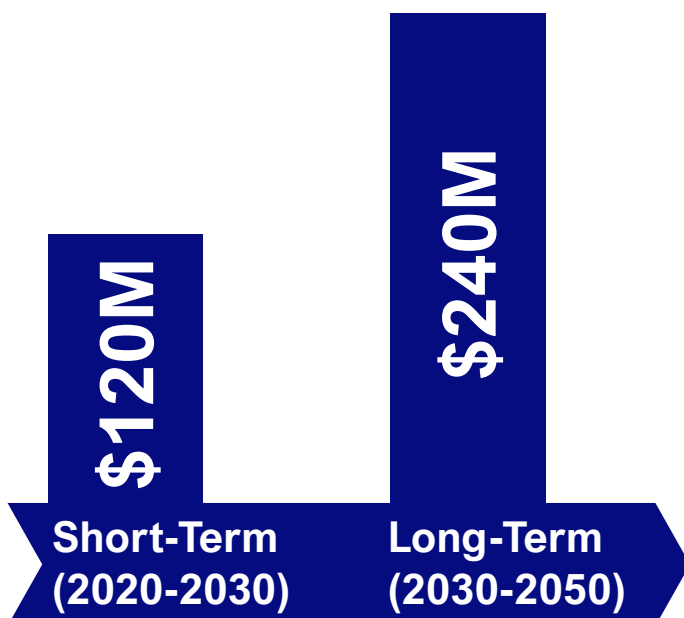
OPPORTUNITIES

An investment of \$1.5M in bike route signage and shared lane markings on 1,440 miles of state bicycle routes could enhance connectivity to recreational destinations and regional trails. These types of transportation investments have a direct impact on West Virginia's tourism economy.

TRENDS AND EMERGING NEEDS

National trends show increased demand for bicycle and walking options to remain economically competitive, attract major employers and provide a higher quality of life. Implementing a Complete Streets Policy, while maintaining the condition of statewide active transportation facilities, is an ongoing challenge.

SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM FORECASTS



- Fully obligate FHWA Transportation Alternatives funding allocations
- Implement Complete Streets initiatives along major urban transportation corridors
- Explore addition of designated signed bicycle routes
- Complete WV portions of the Great American Rail Trail
- Prioritize investments that focus on bicycle and pedestrian safety
- Continue to integrate and promote active transportation investments which support state health goals and healthy lifestyles